

**Park opens**

Dogs of all sorts meet for Bark Park opening.

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**Sculpting Soldiers**

Students mold, sketch CGMCG horses, Soldiers

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Home of the Big Red One

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**Around the Army****Youth turkey hunters wanted**

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group will host a youth turkey hunt on April 28 at Fort Riley. Experienced turkey hunters will guide the youth, who must be 16 years of age or younger.

Youth must have a turkey permit for Unit 2, and are encouraged to bring their own shotgun, shells, and hunter orange cap or vest. A limited number of shotguns, shells, and hunter orange will be available for those who have none.

No turkey hunting experience is needed. Guides will call or assist youths in calling turkeys and will assist in cleaning turkeys at the end of the hunt. Parents or guardians may accompany, but each youth will be assigned a FROG guide for safety. Guides will arrange for transportation to and from the hunting area.

For more information, or to sign up, please e-mail the FROG at [fortrileyoutdoorsmen@yaho.com](mailto:fortrileyoutdoorsmen@yaho.com).

**Air conditioning to be turned on**

Weather permitting, heat turn-off will begin April 9. Heat will be turned off April 9-20 in the following order: administration buildings, barracks, bachelor enlisted and officer quarters with individual units, buildings in the 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings.

Air conditioning systems are scheduled to be turned on from May 7-25 in the following order: barracks, bachelor enlisted and officer quarters, buildings in the 8000 area, community buildings, administration buildings, dining facilities and motor pools.

The heating and cooling systems in the chapel, medical and dental buildings will be maintained as needed.

Family housing occupants control their own heat and air conditioning systems as desired. The authorized temperature for the cooling season is 76 to 80 degrees.

For more information, call Steve Fief, Public Works, at 239-3908.

**Stay 'In Step' with Fort Riley**

See what's happening at Fort Riley. Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch "In Step with Fort Riley" at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WIBW TV Channel 13.

Stories planned for this week's show, which runs on WIBW TV April 7 and on the post's cable channel 2 April 9-15 are:

- News and pictures from Fort Riley units in Iraq
- An update on the latest Fort Riley casualties
- Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment redeployment ceremony
- Tax center update
- Interview with 19th PAD Soldier home from Afghanistan
- The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard visits Manhattan art camp

## Clearing barrels for safety, not trash

By Pfc. Francisca Vega  
3rd Bde. PAO

Though the slanted red barrels in front of buildings around post may look like trash cans, they are actually there for Soldiers to clear their weapons before entering buildings.

"Clearing barrels are used to decrease accidental weapon discharges," said Master Sgt. Ken-

neth Fogenay, mayor at Camp Funston.

"Due to the rapid increase of transition team members sent to Fort Riley for training, in the event they have to visit an agency, the barrels are in place for their convenience," Fogenay said.

The assigned individual weapon all TT members carry is the M-4 rifle, said Maj. James Woods, 1st Bde. chief of current

operations.

They may also carry the M-9 pistol, and even fewer TT members carry the M-249, otherwise known as the squad automatic weapon.

It is important the TT members carry the weapon systems with them at all times because it reinforces a sense of comfort and security around the weapons, Woods added. These will be the

weapons they take with them when they deploy, so they are qualifying and training with them.

While in training they are almost never without their weapons. The only exceptions are when they go to sick call or when performing personal hygiene, at which time they still need to have accountability of their weapons by knowing who is watching over them.

During the extensive training period, Sunday is the only day off. At this time TT members secure their weapons in an arms room for accountability.

"The training keeps them combat ready at all times," Woods said. "People need to feel assured that the personnel carrying the weapons are properly utilizing the

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## Home again

**'Iron Rangers' return from Horn of Africa**

By Pfc. Andrea Merritt  
1st Sust. Bde. PAO

The audience waiting anxiously in the stands March 26 at Craig Gym, some holding signs, erupted into a thunderous applause when the Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment marched into the gym before the break of day.

The Soldiers were welcomed home from their yearlong deployment to the Horn of Africa during the ceremony.

As the applause died down, "Iron Ranger" Commander Lt. Col. Frank Zachar spoke to the crowd.

"These men have seen and done more in a year than most Americans dream of doing in their entire lifetime," Zachar said. While deployed in support of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, which was based out of Djibouti, Africa, the unit conducted force protection operations, built schools and dormitories, and trained Ugandan and Ethiopian armies.

"It was very rewarding to know that we were training a military that is going to play a large role in the future of that continent," said Capt. Joel Huelsmann, company commander for Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. "It was very humbling, and I know my guys enjoyed it and got a lot out of that program," Huelsmann added. "Up until the very last minute, they were working hard and doing a good job reflecting the 'Big Red One.'"

"Thanks for all you have done... Mission complete. Deploy first. Fall out," Zachar said at the end of his speech.

On the command of 'fall out,' a sea of people rushed the floor in order to greet their loved ones.

"I started bawling (when I saw him). I was extremely happy," said Shery Tucker, wife of returning Soldier Staff Sgt.

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1st Bde./Lee

Sgt. Matthew Pirone holds his daughter, Isabella, at the redeployment ceremony for Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment. Pirone went home on mid-tour leave, but was a day late for her birth. When he last saw Isabella, she was two weeks old. Now, 28 weeks later, he is reacquainting himself with her.

## General reminds Soldiers of safety

By Maj. Gen. Carter Ham  
1st Inf. Div.

The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley will observe April 6 and 9 as training holidays for Soldiers to enjoy a hard-earned break from the challenging demands placed upon them.

Engaged accountable leaders, especially first-line supervisors are the key to making a positive impact on the Soldiers' off-duty activities. As we prepare for this holiday weekend, please conduct unit and individual risk assessments with Soldiers to assess risks and exercise mitigating measures for unsafe activities.

Privately owned vehicle accidents continue to be the No. 1 killer of Soldiers. Please brief your Soldiers on the requirement for dirt bike, motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle safety contained in Division Policy Letter 2-1 dated Nov. 1, 2006. Ensure first-line leaders inspect vehicles before departure and conduct risk reduction briefings, which include: highway safety, seatbelt usage, fatigue avoidance and the consequences of drinking and driving. Excessive speed, fatigue, and driving under the influence continue to be the primary causes of POV and motorcycle accidents.

Many of our Soldiers will enjoy outdoor activities like soft-

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Maj. Gen. Carter Ham

## 4th BCT Soldiers remembered at post memorial

Memorials at Morris Hill Chapel stand in honor of three 4th BCT Soldiers. Stephen Richardson, Sgt. Wayne Cornell and Sgt. Curtis Eric Glawson Jr. were killed in Iraq March 20.

3rd Bde./Vega



By Pfc. Francisca Vega  
3rd Bde. PAO

A memorial service for three 4th Brigade Combat Team Soldiers was held March 29 at Morris Hill Chapel.

Sgt. Wayne Cornell, 26, and Spc. Stephen Richardson, 22, died when their vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq, March 20.

Sgt. Curtis Eric Glawson Jr., 24, died when an IED struck his vehicle while returning from his pre-positioned location in Iraq, killing him instantly March 20.

"Sgt. Wayne Cornell was a proud husband and father who always placed his family first. He was one of those individuals who truly loved his country and dedicated his life to service in whatever

form he could find it," said Capt. Sean McCoy, commander of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment's rear detachment, during the eulogy.

"Sgt. Cornell had a great fondness for 'Jamaica' (Spc. Richardson). As his squad leader, Sgt. Cornell always looked out for Spc. Richardson. Both these Soldiers worked together, they played together, fought together and died serving their country together. They were both good men. These Soldiers fought and died not only for their country but to help bring justice to a people who had been robbed of it for over a century," McCoy said.

"No matter what the conditions 'Jamaica' always had a smile on his face and a joke for his friends.

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## Post, Army news briefly

### JROTC seeks unit sponsor

Fort Riley Public Affairs is looking for a unit volunteer to support the Junction City High School JROTC orienteering training in May. Approximately 45 cadets will be conducting orienteering training from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 at Moon Lake and Training Area 17.

Interested units can contact the Fort Riley Community Relations Office at 239-2022 or 239-3358 or e-mail [april.blackmon@us.army.mil](mailto:april.blackmon@us.army.mil) before April 13. Reference JROTC orienteering in responses please.

### Tax Center offers services

The Fort Riley Tax Center will once again offer free income tax preparation to Soldiers, their family members, and retirees.

The Tax Center will help prepare and e-file federal tax returns and will also assist in preparing state returns. Persons wishing to file should bring proof of identification including social security cards for all family members along with any tax forms and a copy of last year's return.

The Fort Riley Tax Center is located in building 7434B, directly across from the bowling alley on Custer Hill. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Call 239-1040 for more information or an appointment.

### PAO offers Royals seat

The Public Affairs Office is seeking someone within the military community to sit in Buck O'Neil's "Legacy Seat" on June 16 at the Kansas City Royals baseball game.

The Buck O'Neil Legacy Seat program pays tribute to the lasting impact O'Neil had on the world of baseball, the community he called home and the everyday lives he touched.

O'Neil spent many days and nights supporting the Kansas City Royals from the same seat behind home plate at Kauffman Stadium, both as a scout and fan. He was a tremendous humanitarian who gave back to the community before his death last year.

The Royals invite you to nominate an individual you feel is worthy of filling O'Neil's seat.

The nomination form is available at PAO, Bldg. 405 on Main Post. You can also contact April Blackmon or Alison Kohler at [april.blackmon@us.army.mil](mailto:april.blackmon@us.army.mil) or [alison.kohler1@us.army.mil](mailto:alison.kohler1@us.army.mil) to have the form e-mailed to you.

June 16 is Military Appreciation Day at the Royals game and discounted tickets are available for Soldiers and their families. For more information call 239-2022.

# Congressional leaders visit TT training

By Spc. Michael J. Nyeste  
19th PAD

Members of the House Armed Services Committee took a break March 26 from the political frontlines in Washington to visit Soldiers training to head to the frontlines in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reps. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.), Nancy Boyda (D-Kan.), Susan Davis (D-Calif.), K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas), and Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.) received a firsthand look at transition team training, spoke with TT members both past and present, toured Fort Riley, discussed the TT concept and held a press conference where they discussed issues and fielded questions from the media.

"This visit today has been a great opportunity to see what's being done here by the 1st Infantry Division," Gingrey said.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley and Col. Jeffrey Ingram, 1st Brigade commander, and others did a wonderful job explaining the TT concept, Gingrey added.

The representatives said they were pleased with what they learned and saw, and said they think the transition team concept is a great asset in fighting the Iraq War.

"We all need to understand what's going on with these transition teams because they are the way we are going to bring this war in Iraq to a close," Boyda said.

"My firm belief is that this is an excellent mission," Skelton said.

"It seems to be working well." "We're very impressed," Gingrey said. "I think this mission is well worth it. The reports we're getting from the team leaders that have come back are explaining things are definitely getting better."

It's success stories like these that some representatives said they feel aren't getting out to the public enough.

"I would say this directly to the press that it is very difficult to get a positive message out about what's going on in the military," Boyda said. "This was an opportunity to showcase what's going on here in Fort Riley with the Soldiers that are so committed to what they're doing."

The representatives pledged to support Soldiers and the TT mission so Fort Riley can continue to showcase their work.

"The support for our troops is just so fundamental to our nation and to Congress," Boyda said.

"We are all dedicated to making sure that you have the things that you need to fight and win," Gingrey said.

The representatives not only pledged their support, but also spoke of their enduring gratitude to Soldiers and their families.

"The caliber of Soldiers we see is extraordinary, and we owe them a great deal of appreciation," Skelton said. "They're not just first class people, but truly great Americans."

"Thank you to those families that are making a great sacrifice for our country," Davis said.



19th PAD/Nyeste  
Rep. Susan Davis, representative for the 53rd district of California, speaks with Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division commanding general, after a news conference at Fort Riley. Davis, and four other representatives, answered questions about troop funding in Iraq and their thoughts on Fort Riley's transition team mission.

## 2 Soldiers found guilty

Staff Judge Advocate

Two Soldiers at Fort Riley have been convicted by courts-martial.

Spc. Thomas C. Nieto was tried at a General Court-Martial March 26. He was charged with distributing cocaine in Iraq and possessing cocaine with the intent to distribute in Iraq. Nieto pled guilty to possessing the cocaine but not guilty to intending to distribute it and not guilty to the charged distribution. The Government presented evidence on the remaining offenses and Nieto was found not guilty.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit \$867 pay per month for 20 months, and to be confined for two months.

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Pfc. Kristal R. Donald was tried at a Special Court-Martial March 28 and found guilty of being absent without leave three times totaling 138 days.

The military judge sentenced her to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit \$867 pay per month for 10 months, to be confined for 276 days, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

# Iraqi police graduates key to country's future

By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith  
4th BCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD — Recruits of the 3rd Battalion, 6th Brigade, 2nd Division Iraqi National Police graduated from training at Forward Operating Base Falcon March 28, the first group of "shur-ta," Arabic for police, to come onto a U.S. forward operating base and receive complete, 24-hour-a-day training by a national police training team.

Capt. Scott Hubbard, the operations officer of 3rd Bn, 6th Bde. NPTT from Vassar, Mich., said the initial focus of the team was not to train.

"Immediately when we took this mission on, we noticed the biggest problem was the (Iraqi National Police) were not

trained," Hubbard said. "Training is not what we thought we would do, but we had to put a huge band-aid on the situation so they would not endanger themselves or the coalition forces they are working with."

"Our job is to teach them to teach themselves."

Hubbard said that after noticing the initial deficiencies, the team came up with a two-week training program that would empower the police to perform their primary mission of protecting the neighborhoods.

The training program includes weapons marksmanship, drill and ceremony, physical training and ethics classes. Once the recruits execute those tasks to standard they move on to team exercises such as precision room-clearing and conducting raids.



4th BCT/Smith  
Capt. Scott Hubbard, the operations officer for the 3rd Battalion, 6th Brigade National Police Training Team from Vassar, Mich., teaches a class to the recruits at Forward Operating Base Falcon March 26. The trainers all have initial-entry training experience with the U.S. Army.

From reserve drill sergeants to instructors in advanced individual training, the trainers, who prepared for their deployment at Fort Riley, all have some form of experience training U.S. Soldiers. Likewise, many of the recruits have prior experience in the Iraqi army.

Abd Al-Ameer Kadum, a graduate from the class who has served in the Iraqi Army since the Iran-Iraq War, said he appreciated the training.

"During this time that we spent here on this (base), we got good training," the Baghdad native said. "They care about us a lot. We want to say thanks for our American brothers."

Hubbard said instructing the recruits was made easier by the fact that they embraced a key element in training: discipline. Discipline is embraced by the Iraqi people, the operations officer said. This cultural attitude motivated the shur-ta to do their best in training.

"The men were excited and very proud to get formalized training like this," he said.

One of the key points Hubbard said he wanted the new police officers to take away from their training cycle is how to treat the



4th BCT/Smith  
Iraqi police officers take an oath to protect and serve the people of Iraq during their graduation ceremony at Forward Operating Base Falcon March 28. The class will stay together as a squad when they get to their battalion.

Iraqi people.

"The way they treat them as policemen will decide whether (local residents) go against the Iraqi government or if they come on board," he said. "These people are here to protect them and they need to understand that."

Hubbard said police staying

involved with their local community is vital to the success of their mission.

"They need to embrace their community, and start doing the right thing from this day forward," he said. "I believe that they're ready to do that. They understand this is the key to victory."

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Employee survey begins

An Employee Satisfaction Survey will be conducted on Fort Riley, April 1-13. This survey will provide civilian employees an opportunity to submit confidential direct input to management in the areas of leadership; personal work experiences; recruitment, development and retention; performance culture; and job satisfaction. Each organization has selected an individual to serve as a point of contact for the survey. These POCs will be responsible for dissemination of the survey throughout organizations and ensuring confidentiality is maintained. Sealed envelopes will be provided and employees may return surveys to POCs, place in the organization's drop box or return to the Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office via distribution. For questions, contact Todd Douglass at 239-2205 or Pam Perry 239-2011.

### Warrant Officer brief to be held

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief on qualifications and application procedures to Soldiers interested in becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers.

Briefing will be held 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. April 9, 10 and 12, and at 9:30 a.m. April 13 in Room 4 at the Digital Training Facility, Building 7285 Normandy Dr.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Anthony L. Edwards at anthony.edwards@usarec.army.mil, or DSN 536-0329 or 536-0328.

### JROTC seeks unit help

Fort Riley Public Affairs is looking for a unit volunteer to support the Junction City High School JROTC unit in May. The group would like a combat arms orientation on any one of the following days: May 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17 or 18. This is part of a field trip to familiarize the JROTC cadets with Fort Riley and the U.S. Army. The unit requests a one-hour orientation and tour of the unit's area, barracks, training area, motorpool and/or equipment. Interested units can contact the Fort Riley Community Relations Office at 239-2022 or 239-3358 or e-mail april.blackmon@us.army.mil before April 13. Reference JROTC field trip in responses please.

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By Lisa Medrano  
IACH PAO

Irwin Army Community Hospital's laboratory recently distinguished itself as the 2007 Laboratory of the Year by Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals magazine, a publication for the clinical laboratory industry.

The IACH laboratory, which is a 40-person clinical laboratory that completes more than 200,000 test procedures each year, has been recognized numerous times for its highly qualified staff and exceptional hospital system support.

In February 2007, inspectors from the College of American Pathologists showed up unannounced at the IACH lab. The CAP inspection uses teams of practicing lab professionals as inspectors and helps laboratories achieve the highest standards of excellence to positively impact patient care.

The program covers a complete array of disciplines and testing procedures. Because of its comprehensive nature, CAP accreditation helps achieve a consistently high level of service throughout an institution or health care system.

The eight-person inspection team scrutinized 1,800 standards at the IACH main and Combined Troop Medical Clinic laboratories

and they documented only eight deficiencies, none of which affected patient care.

The IACH laboratory also is subject to several other inspections including the Joint Commission, Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The FDA inspection imposes strict compliance standards, with a focus on the blood bank. The goal of the FDA inspection is to ensure blood establishments manufacture biological products that are safe, pure, potent and have the quality they represent. Blood and blood components intended for transfusion or for manufacture into injectable products are biological drugs.

The inspection assesses operating systems such as storage time, temperature and labeling, and provides a method to determine the level of inspection coverage and resources appropriate for each inspection.

The laboratory management team consists of a group of professionals from a gamut of backgrounds.

The laboratory director, Martin Vacanti arrived 18 months ago from the University of Massachusetts Medical School where he was involved in research and pathology practice.

The laboratory manager, Capt. Holly Swartz was trained as a medical technologist through the

# IACH earns laboratory of the year honor



The staff of the IACH lab pose for a photo after earning the title of Laboratory of the Year from Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals magazine.

IACH/Medrano

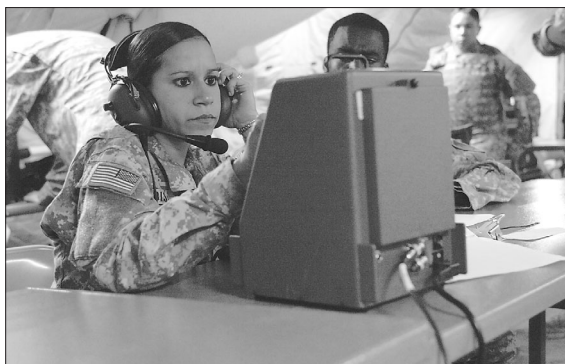
Army's Clinical Laboratory Course after beginning her career in the Army as a medical platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Joe Keary, the supervisory medical technologist, is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Medical Service Corps and has a Master's degree in Business Administration and Biology.

There is a wide range of experience levels within the laboratory. One civilian employee has more than 36 years of federal service, while several Soldiers are serving in their first Army assignment after being trained as medical laboratory technicians.

The IACH lab is a 24-hour operation with a medical laboratory technologist and a lab director

who stay on call for technical or procedural questions. The lab is networked for round the clock back-up and consultation with Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The laboratory possesses capabilities from basic metabolic panels for blood chemistry to complex microbiology tests for bacterial and viral infections.

## Aviator teams practice retrieving 'fallen angels'



1st Inf. Div./Roberts

Spc. Lisbervis Disdier, flight operations specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, receives intelligence information about a downed aircraft in the company's "Fallen Angel" exercise.

By Pfc. Dustin Roberts

1st Inf. Div. PAO

In a digital exercise at Camp Funston March 28, Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade practiced reacting to a helicopter crash.

Operating from the brigade tactical operations center, the company used the "fallen angel" exercise in preparation for their year-long deployment to Iraq this summer, said Spc. Lisbervis Disdier, flight operations specialist, HHC, CAB.

"Scenarios like these prepare you for what to expect in a real situation," Disdier said.

During the exercise, Disdier received a call from the company's intelligence section saying there was suspicious activity in the area where a certain Black Hawk, called "Medicine Man," was flying.

Five minutes later Intelligence reported that "Medicine Man"

was down.

Through intelligence reports in a real situation, the TOC can be informed of weather conditions in the area of the downed aircraft, how many people were in it and if it was shot down by the enemy.

In this exercise, four Soldiers were in the fallen Black Hawk, shot down by enemy fire.

When notified of a "fallen angel," the TOC calls a pre-determined downed aircraft response team, and they immediately respond to the "fallen angel."

"They need to be able to react on a moment's notice," said Spc. Kevin Averre, aviation operations, HHC, CAB. "The DART should be ready to go to help at the crash site."

As the CAB continues to train for its upcoming deployment to Iraq, Averre said, more realistic situations are incorporated.

"This training is so important," Averre said. "You never know when an aircraft can go down."

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# Commentary

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## Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Earth Day is April 22. What do you do to help preserve the environment?



"I recycle. The reuse of material is very beneficial."

Spc. Mika San Juan  
DENTAC  
Home: El Paso, Texas



"When I see trash I pick it up. It's the 'Hooah' thing to do."

Pvt. Brandon Cecil  
125th BSB  
Home: Warren, Texas



"I bundle up newspapers and take them to a drop-off point or the veterinarian. They'll use them."

Earl Hunter  
Retired Army  
Home: Denver



"My family and I plant trees and flowers. My kids also love to pick up aluminum cans."

Sgt. Aron Davolt  
Co. C, 601st ASB  
Home: Columbus, Kan.



"I conserve water and combine all of my trips to conserve gas."

Capt. Brett Butler  
HHC, 1st Bde.  
Home: Fort Worth, Texas



"I use toxic-free products and eat toxic-free food. I recommend it to everybody."

Vagina Hicks  
Retired Army  
Home: Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

By Julie Wilkinson  
SAPR Program Trainer

This April, the Department of Defense takes a concerted stand against sexual assault as it observes Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This annual event provides us with the opportunity to increase knowledge and promote prevention of this crime through special events and public education. This year's theme for SAAM is "Stand Up Against Sexual Assault. Make a Difference," which encompasses an attitude toward prevention of this violent crime, reminding us that each of us — leaders, peers and subordinates — can make differences through our actions and words. Lack of action exacerbates this crime. DoD policies address sexual assault prevention, seeking to establish a climate of confidence

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month

## Event provides opportunity to increase awareness

### Need to call for help?

Fort Riley domestic violence and sexual assault response line (24 hours) — (785) 307-1373  
Fort Riley Victim Advocate Program — (785) 239-9435  
Chaplain — (785) 239-4357  
Irwin Army Community Hospital emergency room — (785) 239-7777  
Military Police (785) 239-MPMP (6767)  
Local Police (on and off post) — 911

in which:

- Education and training create an environment in which sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated;
- Victims of sexual assault receive the care, respect and support that they need; and,
- Offenders are held accountable for their actions.

Take an active stand in learning more about sexual assault and its prevention by participating in local SAAM

events during the month of April. One way you can support SAAM is by wearing a teal ribbon. Your support and efforts could have a long-term effect on one of your fellow service members. You can make a difference.

Throughout the month of April, Fort Riley's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program staff will be reaching out in the community for your support. On April 30, the SAPR Program is hosting a free seminar,

welcoming Michael Prodan, senior special agent and criminal investigative profiler. Prodan is one of only 34 graduates worldwide of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Police Fellowship in Criminal Investigative Profiling and Crime Scene Analysis at the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime. He will discuss criminal sexuality, detection of sexual offenders, thinking errors of sexual offenders, the myths of sexual assault and false allegations of sexual assault. This seminar is free. Limited space is available. If you are interested in obtaining more information about attending this free seminar, please contact Melody McDowell, sexual assault response coordinator at 239-2991.

### Thoughts on Parenting

## Achieving acceptance, balance with children

By Laura McCauley, M.S.  
EFMP Manager

My "baby" just celebrated her 18th birthday. She will graduate from high school this May and is actively working on her future plans. Needless to say, this has been a time of reflection for me. My daughter was born prematurely and we really had some rough times in the beginning. When your child is born with medical or developmental concerns it can be very scary as well as depressing. I remember having feelings of shock, anger and disbelief regarding my child's medical situation. These are normal feelings for all parents especially when their child has medical or developmental irregularities. When I learned I was going to have a baby, of all the things that crossed my mind, it never occurred to me that my child and I would face numerous medical challenges before she would even be allowed to leave the hospital.

I'm sure this is the way it is for most expecting parents. No one thinks about the unthinkable. All parents have an ideal of their "dream" child. When new parents receive the news their perfect child may be less perfect than the ideal, it's like the earth has been pulled out from under your feet. You are unbalanced, shocked, angry, and can't believe what has just happened to you and your dreams for your child. However, once the initial shock wears off the parent is left to face the reality that he or she must create a new ideal, a new definition of perfection. The way to create this new reality is through acceptance. Accept that your child is still perfect — just in a different way. Accept that your child can still thrive. Accept that you will have

to rethink how you arrange your time and energy to meet your new child's unique and special needs. When a child is born with a medical or developmental condition, it may be necessary for the child to stay in the hospital for a few days or even months for treatment prior to coming home. It is very difficult for parents to leave their adorable babies in the hospital. I remember having difficulty sleeping because I was at home and my daughter was in the hospital. I wanted to be there with her.

I was horrified when my daughter was first taken to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. At first, I thought the worst. But as time progressed, I refocused my energy toward helping my baby and learning all I could about her condition. I had loads of questions, and everyday I would ask the nurses and doctors a million of them. Every spare minute, I read about what it means for a baby to be born prematurely. I wanted to understand the possible medical and educational complications.

In the following months, as I became more familiar with understanding the language of care for a baby with special needs I became more empowered about meeting her needs. My anxiety began to subside, and I began working towards a balanced life for me and my child. Parents entrusted with the privilege of raising these very special babies with multiple needs have to learn how to best meet these needs. I was thankful for the hospital staff because despite my feelings of being overwhelmed and the tears that seemed to be constantly in my eyes, they showed me compassion and provided direction. Just to learn how to take care of my baby required additional preparation. I had to go through extra medical training, learn CPR and carry supplemental equipment above and beyond

the diaper bag for months, but I did not care. I was taking my baby home and I was ecstatic. Bringing my little girl home was a major lifestyle transition. We had to find our rhythm and balance after she was able to come home. I had to schedule medical appointments and learn about the different services and resources available to us. Often I felt exhausted. When a baby has special care needs, parents can often feel confused, frustrated, overwhelmed and want to give up. Don't give up — use your support system, gather your strength and keep going.

My daughter and I lived a couple hours away from extended family. We only had a few nearby friends to help us in our transition. I didn't realize until I went to visit family how very helpful it is to have someone else to help provide loving care for my daughter. It is important to understand that to continue to be a good parent; you need to take care of yourself appropriately. Parents need a chance to renew and recharge their own batteries. The first time I slept for six uninterrupted hours without my daughter waking up, I felt like I had regained enough energy to climb Mount Everest.

It is also important for parents who have children with special care needs to ask questions, connect with local supportive resources and develop a trusting rapport with medical and devel-

opmental specialists. Over the years, I have reflected several times on the professional guidance and mentoring I received from others when my child was a toddler. I am so appreciative of their wisdom. My advisers helped me establish reachable goals for my daughter within her own set of strengths and skills. Although we had some medical and educational concerns, I also found my daughter still needed consistency, structure, redirection and loving guidance just like any other child. I still needed to set limits, provide discipline, and give her love and support. My daughter needed to feel safe and loved. When children, regardless of their needs, have this support, it enhances their self-esteem, well-being and growth.

My "baby" is eighteen years old and graduating from high school. What an adventure this has been. If your parenting journey is anything like mine, I hope you've learned your ideal child is not defined by his or her "special needs." Your ideal child just requires special care. As it turned out — my child is my dream child after all.

If you would like an information directory or need help getting connected to services, call the Army Community Services Exceptional Family Member Program at 239-9435.

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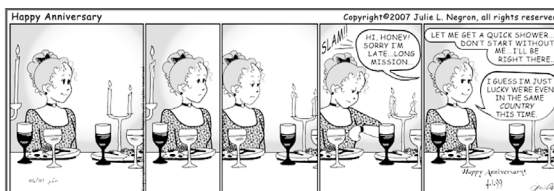
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# Top U.S. commander in Iraq tours market

By Maj. Kirk Luedeke

4th BCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD — Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, visited the Dora Market March 31 and witnessed the significant improvements there since December.

"Chai for everyone," Petraeus exclaimed with a smile as he placed enough money on the counter at a small teashop to buy tea for all who accompanied him on the trip and then some.

Later he sipped tea with an Iraqi Army battalion commander and Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, whose unit is responsible for securing the Dora Market area. They discussed the visible progress in what was, just four months ago, a dangerous cluster of ramshackle buildings full of roaming death squads and criminals.

"This is still not pretty, but it has made substantial strides," Petraeus said, noting that many of the dilapidated storefronts and houses in and around the market still show signs of the violence that resulted in the once-vibrant economic hub of some 700 stores and kiosks shrinking to just three on Dec. 23rd.



4th BCT/Luedeke

**Gen. David Petraeus, MNF-I commander, conducts a tour of the Dora Market in Baghdad March 31. In late December, there were three shops open for business, but on the day of the visit, 141 stores were selling their wares.**

"There will be challenges here. This is an area that Al-Qaeda continues to go after because it does represent success for the Sunni

Arabs, and they (Al-Qaeda) don't want to see cooperation with the Iraqi Government and Iraqi Security Forces."

The market now features 141 stores and stands open for business, with room for many more as the situation there improves.

When asked what it meant to have the Multi-National Forces - Iraq commander's presence in Dora Market, Lt. Col. Najm Abdul Wahed Motleq replied: "I'm very honored to have the General here today to come and observe the situation on the ground here at the market. This market was dead in the past and brought back to life with our presence here and with Coalition Forces securing this market."

Lt. Col. Najm's 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 3rd Iraqi Army Division has received high marks from its U.S. counterparts for its professionalism and willingness to take on the responsibility of securing the market.

"They've done a great job and have taken ownership for the market," said Capt. Ben Jones, whose Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment shares responsibility for security with their Iraqi Army counterparts. The Fort Carson, Colo.-based unit is attached to the 4th Brigade.

Jones, a native of Meridian, Miss., and his rifle company have set up shop in the market, establishing a combat outpost that his unit, nicknamed the Gators, affectionately calls "the Swamp."

"People are coming back," he said. "You talk to the people here, and a lot of them send their women to the market because

they're afraid to go out."

Jones described a dynamic that he and his Soldiers, along with the troops of the Iraqi Army, are working diligently to change. By occupying the first such combat outpost of several for his battalion, the Alpha Gators hope their daily presence and professionalism will lead to trust between them and Dora's population.

Gibbs said the Dora Market is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the plan to make inroads of progress in Southern Baghdad.

"We have over 50 projects across the Rashid District with many more on the way," the Harker Heights, Texas native said. "One of those integral to the Dora Market's revitalization is a fence that will keep the criminals and violent elements out, while allowing the law-abiding merchants and citizens to conduct their business without interference."

As Petraeus continued his tour, he stopped at a kiosk and purchased a tube of toothpaste.

"Five dollars for toothpaste?" One bystander asked incredulously.

"Anything to help the economy," Petraeus replied as he handed the cash to the proprietor and then moved on, toothpaste in hand.

## Army prepares corps, divisions for next rotation in Iraq

### U.S. Army News Release

The Department of the Army confirmed April 2 the Department of Defense's announcement for the next rotation of one corps headquarters, two division headquarters and two brigade combat teams in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Additionally, the Department of Defense extended one unit in Iraq and added approximately 2,000 combat support Soldiers to maintain the momentum of operations.

tions.

The XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters, from Fort Bragg, N.C., will replace Headquarters, III Corps, of Fort Hood, Texas, as the Multi-National Corps - Iraq Headquarters in November 2007. The Multi-National Corps Headquarters element oversees day-to-day operations in Iraq, and this deployment of a corps headquarters and some of its subordinate elements is part of a routinely scheduled rotation of forces. No stranger to this mission, the XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters last

saw duty as the Multi-National Corps Headquarters from February 2005 - February 2006.

The 1st Armored Division Headquarters from Wiesbaden, Germany and the 4th Infantry Division Headquarters from Fort Hood, Texas, will deploy to Iraq in August 2007, and serve as multi-national force headquarters, assuming command and control of units and areas of operation as directed. Germany's "Old Ironsides" Division Headquarters last served in Iraq from April 2003 to August 2004 and Fort Hood's "Ivy

Division" recently returned from an OIF deployment that started in December 2005 and ended this past December 2006.

The two brigade combat teams confirmed as part of the regular rotation to Iraq are the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y. and the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C. (The Department of Defense previously announced this 82nd Airborne brigade's deployment Nov. 17, 2006.) Both Brigade Combat

Teams are seasoned veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq. The "Warriors" of 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division completed their latest OIF rotation in August 2006, and had served in Afghanistan from June 2003 to May 2004. The "Devils in Baggy Pants" from Fort Bragg served in Iraq from September 2003 to April 2004, and twice in Afghanistan from December 2002 to May 2003 and June 2005 to March 2006.

The Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, currently serving

ing as Headquarters, Multi-National Division North, is extended 46 days past an anticipated 12-month rotation end date. These "Tropic Lightning" Headquarters Soldiers will now redeploy in September 2007.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., which was the first unit called forward from Kuwait as part of the Operation Iraqi Freedom plus-up operations, deployed from Fort Bragg in early

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### Discover Riley's treasures

Newcomers to Fort Riley, and those who wish to learn more about the post are invited to attend a post orientation April 6 or May 4 offered by Army Community Service's relocation staff. Participants will learn fun facts, interesting information and what the Fort Riley area has to offer. Orientations will be held the first Friday of every month. Contact ACS - Relocation at (785) 239-9435 or [sitc2665@riley.army.mil](mailto:sitc2665@riley.army.mil) to reserve a seat.

### Organization seeks speaker

Operation Tribute to Freedom is seeking Asian-American and Pacific Islander American Soldiers who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan to participate in Asian Pacific American Heritage Month speaking opportunities nationwide. The recognition month begins May 1, however, interested Soldiers should contact the Community Relations Office as soon as possible. Locations and dates TBD. Interested Soldiers should contact the Community Relations Office at 239-2022 or e-mail [april.blackmon@riley.army.mil](mailto:april.blackmon@riley.army.mil).

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## Redeployment continued from page 1

Michael Tucker, a squad leader in the company.

"It feels great (to be home)," Tucker said. "I have my wife and my kids here."

Tucker spoke candidly about his experience in Africa. "A lot of people think that when we got to Africa we don't really do any-

thing when we're over there," Tucker said.

The U.S. Navy and Army engineers worked together to build the schools and dormitories and "it was our job to keep them safe while they did it. So we did a tremendous amount of work over there for the people of Djibouti

and other countries," Tucker said.

After the ceremony, many of the Soldiers said goodbye to their comrades, whom they had spent the past year in Africa with, and exited the building with their families by their side.

"It's great to be back home and great to be back on American soil," Huelsmann said.

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He was the one Soldier who could make you laugh under any conditions. He was the one Soldier who every unit seems to have that acts as the glue that holds the unit together," added McCoy.

Both Cornell and Richardson were indirect-fire infantrymen assigned to 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., 4th BCT, 1st Infantry Divi-

sion. The memorial also paid tribute to Glawson.

"If you were having a bad day, he'd be the one to say, 'keep your head up, it's ok,'" said Capt. Carolas Ford, commander of 610th Brigade Support Battalion, rear detachment. "There was never a dull moment when Sgt. Glawson was around."

He made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, and for that we thank him, Ford said.

Glawson was a light-wheel vehicle mechanic assigned to 610th BSB, 4th BCT, 1st Inf. Div. and attached to 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt.

He died responding to the IED attack in which Cornell and Richardson died.

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ball, basketball, cycling, hunting and boating. Remind Soldiers that personal protective equipment is one of the most important factors in minimizing the risk of injury. PPE must fit properly and be appropriate for the activity.

Christi and I urge you to continue honoring our deployed Soldiers and

enjoy a well-deserved break. I challenge each of you to make this an enjoyable weekend and return home safe.

Each battalion that has zero DUIs and zero illegal substance offenses April 6-9 will get an additional safety holiday to be taken before the end of May.

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## Clearing barrels continued from page 1



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Clearing barrels, such as this one in front of the Post Exchange, are in place for transition team Soldiers to clear their weapons before entering buildings.

clearing barrels to clear their weapons and that their weapons are clear of any ammunition - and that the ammunition is on their body if on them at all."

The barrels are in front of almost every public building or office frequented by TT members.

Muzzle holes on the face of the barrels have been narrowed to prevent the misuse of the barrels as trashcans.

The barrels are brightly colored to be easily visible in front of buildings.

To prevent a bullet ricochet

while a Soldier is clearing a weapon, the barrels are filled with pea gravel. The gravel has the power to stop a discharged bullet to prevent injury and has the ability to stay loose and dry in wet weather, Fogenay said.

If there is a concern as to why TT members are walking around Fort Riley with weapons, people should know that it is to create a battle rhythm for them, Woods said. While deployed they will still have to conduct daily business, and they will have to clear their weapons before they go into stores and most other buildings.

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January 2007. Though tentatively scheduled to redeploy in September 2007, they will now complete a full 12-month rotation and return in early January 2008.

The Army is also supplying an additional headquarters unit for the plus-up, the Headquarters, 214th Fires Brigade, from Fort Sill, Okla., placing additional combat support capability in theater. This headquarters will plan, coordinate and synchronize lethal and non-lethal effects for operational commanders. The 214th HQ is trained and ready, and will deploy at the end of this month.

Combat support and security operations remain keys to success on the ground, and the Army is answering theater's call to provide more of these capabilities. For these latest requirements, the Army National Guard will provide headquarters and line batteries from the 181st Field Artillery Battalion, 145th Field Artillery Battalion and the 131st Field Artillery Battalion, all Army National Guard units. The incredible Citizen-Soldiers who comprise these units hail from the states of Tennessee, Utah, Texas, Kansas, and Georgia. They will deploy this September.

**What's happening in your unit?**  
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## Community news briefly

### OCSC to hold basket auction

Become a castaway at the Officer and Civilian Spouses Club's annual basket auction at 6 p.m. April 20 at Riley's Conference Center.

Bidding begins at 7 p.m. An appetizer buffet, cash bar, and live and silent auctions will be available. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

Please make reservations by April 11 by e-mailing reservations@fortrileyocsc.com or calling 784-2817. For child-care reservations call 784-4298.

### OCSC accepting fund applications

The Officer and Civilian Spouses Club is accepting requests from organizations in the community for its annual funds disbursement. All request applications must be received postmarked by April 18. For more information, call Brenda Wise at 933-7027.

### Easter sunrise service set

The Installation Chaplain's Office will hold the Fort Riley Community Easter Sunrise Service from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. April 8 at the Outdoor Chapel near Huebner and First Division Roads. A continental breakfast will be served following the service. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Morris Hill Chapel, 5315 Jackson Street (corner of Jackson and Ewell Streets near Warner Heights housing area).

### Outdoor Rec sets new hours

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center will be open six days a week, beginning April 9.

The facility will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The weekend rental rates will be available from Saturday through Monday for equipment available from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For additional information, call 239-2271.

### Post to announce top volunteers

Fort Riley's Volunteers of the Year will be announced at 7 p.m. April 16 at Riley's Conference Center. Maj. Gen. Carter Ham will host the event honoring Fort Riley's top volunteers in five categories.

The event is free and all are invited to attend.

### Mother's Day flowers offered

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will deliver Mother's Day flowers May 11 at Fort Riley.

Carnations are on sale for \$2.50 a stem or a "mom" pendant and carnation can be purchased for \$8 while supplies last.

Call 239-5614 to place an order.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Park opens for four-legged family fun

By Anna Morelock  
Editor

Violet and Buzz were among the first canines to enjoy a romp in Rex's Bark Park after its grand opening March 30 on Main Post. Despite the mud, the pair chased each other around and around the old buffalo corral, stopping only occasionally to sniff a newcomer before taking off again.

"This is a great event," said Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Mathews at the park opening. "First of all we named it

after Rex the military dog. It's a great honor being able to memorialize, or give a memorial to, a working service member."

Rex was one of the best military working dogs a handler could ever want, said his handler Sgt. Joshua Rose. Beside three deployments to Bahrain, Kosovo and Iraq, Rex also augmented the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Marshals more than 20 times.

"I knew that if there was ever an instance that we came into contact with the enemy he would not

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Post/Morelock

Violet and Rex romp through the grass at Rex's Bark Park March 30 after its grand opening on Main Post.

## Art lessons



PAO/Nap

Second-grader Ashley Hussey sketches Victory during the "School's Out, Art's In" program at the Manhattan Arts Center during spring break. The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard was on hand to give the students a brief history lesson.

## Students paint horses, sculpt cowboys

By Gary Nap

In Step with Fort Riley

Painting ponies, sculpting stallions, and sketching steeds is what some elementary school students did while taking part in the "School's Out, Art's In" program at the Manhattan Arts Center over their spring break.

The horse who served as the subject for the student's creativity was Victory of the Commanding General's Mounted Color

Guard.

Whenever the Manhattan-Ogden school district goes on break, spring or summer, students in kindergarten through sixth grade keep themselves busy at the art camp.

"I have lots of friends and we do good stuff and I like it," said Christa Osareczuk, one of the students attending the art camp.

Program Director Tess Purvis said the program is a more constructive way for the children to spend their time and they are

put through an array of artistic activities.

"We'd rather have them doing this than sitting in front of the TV, and we run them through clay, theater, painting, sketching, landscaping. Whatever we can think of, we do it," Purvis said. "It's just a creative outlet. When you're doing math, two plus two is always four, but when we tell them to paint a landscape, if the sky is purple then the sky is purple."

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## Realtors to give housing advice

New program aims to educate Soldiers on home buying

By Pfc. Andrea Merritt

1st Sust. Bde. PAO

Fort Riley's Housing Services Office is scheduled to begin a new free program April 16 designed to educate Soldiers on the home-buying process.

Due to the growth at Fort Riley and the rising rates of basic housing allowance, more Soldiers are interested in buying a home, said Elbert Newman, chief of housing services.

The Volunteer Realtor Program consists of realtors from the Junction City Board of Realtors and Manhattan Association of Realtors who volunteer to teach Soldiers the steps to take when looking for a house.

The realtors will provide information on mortgage application procedures, current interest rates, various loan types and the housing market in the local area, Newman said.

The realtors will not be allowed to conduct business out of the HSO. They will serve strictly as an informational resource to Soldiers, so they won't have to worry about a realtor trying to sell them a home, said Jeani Skare, the housing referral assistant.

"The Army only plans to house 30 percent of the married Soldiers on post. That leaves the other 70 percent going downtown," Newman said.

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## Vaccine protects women from HPV infection, cervical cancer

By Capt. Christopher Perdue  
Preventive Medicine Service

For the first time in history, it is possible for girls and young women to be vaccinated against cervical cancer and other diseases caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV).

The vaccine, Gardasil®, is manufactured by the Merck Corporation. It is nearly 100 percent effective in protecting uninfected girls and women from infection by the four major types of HPV that cause abnormal pap smears, genital warts and cervical cancer.

This vaccine is now widely available. Even at \$200 to \$300 for the complete series, the vaccine is being seen as an important form of preventive medicine. For insurance companies and

military treatment facilities, the high cost of the vaccine is a bargain compared to the cost of treatments for abnormal pap smears, warts and cervical cancer.

The vaccine promises to save lives, but there are limitations. It does not protect against every type of HPV that causes cancer and it may not protect against cancer in someone already infected.

The vaccine should be given to girls before they come into contact with the virus. But



Capt. Christopher Perdue



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because the vaccine contains only four components, there are still numerous types of HPV that can cause disease.

#### The virus

HPV infection is a sexually transmitted disease that affects 20 million people in the U.S. Most infections, about 80 percent, go unnoticed, but some progress to genital warts, abnormal pap smears and cervical cancer in women. Both men and women carry the virus, but

women are more likely to get cancer from it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the HPV vaccine should be targeted to 11- and 12-year-old girls, but may be safely given to those as young as 9 years of age and to women up to age 26.

But many older girls and young women are already infected with one of the major types of HPV. It is believed that the vaccine will only be able to prevent half of the HPV-related problems

for them.

Because many women are already infected, and because the vaccine only protects against four types of HPV, all women should continue to follow their routine schedule for pelvic exams and pap smears. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends that women have a pelvic exam every year, which may include a pap test.

The U.S. Preventive Service Task Force, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, recommends that a woman's first pap test should be within three years of her first sexual activity or at age 21, whichever is first. She should then get a pap test every one to three years until age 65 or until

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# Guest readers teach students joy of books

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke  
CAB PAO

Read Across America came to an end at the Warren Road Child Development Center March 30 after a month of volunteers coming in to read to the children.

"The purpose of the Read Across America is to encourage and promote reading for young children and families," said Carole Hoffman, director, Warren Road CDC. "Good reading skills are the foundation for lifelong learning and we want to start children off right on the road to reading."

During the month of March the Warren Road CDC had over 45 guest readers. Some of the guest readers were: Kansas State University Football Coach Ron Prince, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Commanding General Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, Garrison Commander Col. Ty Smith, Deputy Garrison Commander Linda Hoefner, Junction City Mayor Terry Heldstab and his wife Peggy, Child and Youth Services Coordinator Jana Helton, members of the K-State volleyball team and many firefighters.

"The children were very excited to have so many guest readers come visit us," Hoffman said. "The children gathered together on the floor and eagerly listened to the books. We even had guest readers in the infant modules and the infants crawled up on the reader's lap to snuggle in."

The Warren Road CDC has been inviting guest readers to come during March for the past four years and each year our response from guest readers grows.



**Vickie England, a first-grade teacher from Aiken Elementary School in Paris, Texas, reads to children at the Warren Road Child Development Center. Her nine-year-old son, Ethan (right) also participated in the "Read Across America" celebration at the CDC.**

The Read Across America program gives everyone a sense of how important literacy is to all children, not just grade-school children, said Gia Evans, lead education technician. This was a chance for the children to interact with members of the community, which is something they need to be exposed to as children, Evans said.

"It was great that people were willing to come out to read to the children, parents as well as guests," said Evans, who works in a toddler room.

Emma Cockrell agreed with Evans about parents coming in to read.

"When we had a parent come in, that was awesome," said Cockrell, program assistant. "The par-

ent involvement was really special for me. It helped show the children another opportunity to interact with adults."

This was a chance to teach the value of reading, said Cockrell, who works in a preschool room.

"Reading with different adults about their jobs had the children interested in reading, the value of books, and how the pictures and words come together to make a story," Cockrell said.

Overall the children really enjoyed it, Cockrell said. "They were really excited when we would tell them that we had a guest reader that day," Cockrell said.

The children are affected positively because they are exposed to more reading, Hoffman said. For

the older children, they see people they look up to as "heroes," such as firefighters, telling them reading is important. It sends a powerful message to young children, Hoffman said.

"I enjoy reading aloud to children," said Vickie England, a first-grade teacher at Aiken Elementary in Paris, Texas. "I think that it is important for children to be read to, it develops their awareness of print and literacy skills. It also gets them ready to become readers themselves, because they have had people model what reading is and should sound like," England said.

"As a first grade teacher, I think children who are read to and get to listen to people read aloud have a greater advantage when learning to read themselves," England said.

England, the daughter of Gloria Page, who works at Warren Road CDC, was one of the guest readers.

The children weren't the only group affected by the month of reading.

"Our parents are even positively affected because they see that people in our military community, such as General Ham and Colonel Smith, think reading is important enough to come and read to a group of their children," Hoffman added.

"I would like to add a huge thank you to all of our guest readers who took the time out of their busy schedules to come to the CDC and read to our children," Hoffman said. "Reading is so important for laying a strong foundation for lifetime learning and these guest readers assisted us in laying this foundation."

## Community news briefly

### Trails West offers vacations

To show appreciation to the military, Trails West, a Christian based family camp nestled in the beautiful Colorado Rockies, is offering a week long family camp package to military families. The price for the trip includes a graduated registration and commitment fee. Transportation costs to and from the camp are not included. The package includes all meals and lodging, as well as activities for all ages including jeep tours, horseback riding and swimming. Two opportunities are available for Fort Riley families from July 8-14 and August 12-18. Registration for the July camp is from April 1-30. Registration for the August camp is from May 1-31.

For more information, contact Chap. (Maj.) Keith Shurtliff at 240-1145, e-mail david.keith.shur5348@conus.ar.mil or visit

[www.younglife.org/Events/Military/FortRileyFamilyCampAt-TrailWest.htm](http://www.younglife.org/Events/Military/FortRileyFamilyCampAt-TrailWest.htm).

### Auto center sets new hours

Fort Riley's Automotive Skills Center will be offering new hours to better serve its customers beginning April 1.

The facility will open during the lunch hour at 11:30 a.m. and remain open until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Automotive Skills Cen-

ter will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and closed on Monday and Tuesday.

For additional information, call 239-9764.

### SKIES to hold open house

The SKIES Unlimited program, which holds instructional classes for youth, will hold an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. April 12 at Building 6620. Students will demonstrate skills they've learned in SKIES classes and instructors will be on hand to answer questions about their classes.

For more information about SKIES programs, contact Shelley Anderson-Buckley, programming specialist, at 239-4723.

### CYS to celebrate military youth

Join Child and Youth Services employees throughout the month of April as they celebrate Month of the Military Child. Several events are scheduled throughout the month including a parade, pancake breakfast and numerous interaction activities for parents and children.

Several open houses are scheduled throughout the month to allow parents, children and guests to tour CYS facilities and meet with staff.

For a complete listing of events call Child and Youth Services at 239-9478, 239-5077 or visit [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil).

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## Community news briefly

### Learn to swim programs set

Registration will begin April 2 for the American Red Cross' Learn to Swim programs. Registration will be at Long Pool from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The fee is \$20 per child and classes will be held from April 16 to 27.

Participants will be divided into the following categories: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Level A - 10 to 10:30 a.m.  
Level B - 10:30 to 11 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Level I - 4 to 4:30 p.m.  
Level II - 4:30 to 5 p.m.  
Level III - 5 to 5:30 p.m.  
Level IV - 5:30 to 6 p.m.  
Call 239-9441 for more information.

### CDC accepting Pre-K sign-ups

The Child Development Center on Normandy Drive is accepting registrations for the Geary County and Fort Riley Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Classroom activities and services will be provided that follow the research-based Creative Curriculum framework.

Services will be offered for 40 children of active duty military servicemembers. Participants must be at least 4 years old by August 31 to enroll in the program.

Children must be enrolled through Child & Youth Services to participate in the Fort Riley Pre-Kindergarten program. Additional information can be obtained at Child and Youth Services, Central Registration Office, Bldg 6620 or by calling 239-9885 or 239-9478.

# Ware 'Bears' open shop on Market Day

By Anna Morelock  
Editor

Two dollar necklaces, \$1 ghost suckers, \$3 manicures and \$2 disco balls were just a few of the deals to be found recently during Ware Elementary School's Market Day.

During the day, the school's second graders got the chance to run their own business and spend their profits at other shops. The

activity was the culmination of an economics unit.

"In second grade we study about economics so we thought for the second graders to get together and kind of do a market day project would really bring it home and show them first-hand what it means to buy and sell things, how to make a profit and how to handle customers," said Jody Steinbring, a second-grade teacher at the school.



Post/Morelock

Second-graders line up to buy smores during Market Day at Ware Elementary School. To encourage business, the smore stand proprietors held a sale dropping the price from \$3 to \$2.

Before the grand opening of their stores, the students had to decide on a product they thought they could market to the school's first-graders. Parents donated many of the items needed to make their products, and the students made signs and set prices for their wares, and borrowed start-up money from the bank.

At the end of the day each group paid the bank the \$20 they borrowed plus \$2 interest.

"We actually had someone from the bank come the other day to talk about when you borrow money that you have to pay back more than you borrowed," Steinbring said. "They didn't understand that at first, but they will after today because they will also owe the bank back their money that they started with plus interest. Then they'll see what their profit is. And the only thing they'll be

able to spend is their profit."

One of the most popular stores of the day was the beauty shop, Steinbring said.

At the beauty shop table, customers could chose from a tray stocked with shades of pink, red, green and silver nail polish. After the polishing, a squirt of glitter or body spray and a smiley face ring finished off the manicure.

"My favorite part about it is painting nails," said one of the store proprietors, Willie Mabry, "I mess up sometimes and it's fun."

Mabry said helping to run the beauty shop taught him something new about running a business.

"First you need to start off with money from the bank," Mabry said. "Then when you get done you need to pay the bank how much money you borrowed. I thought you just start a business like when people come, you sell

stuff." The students at the lemonade and popcorn stand learned a different lesson with their business.

"Well lots of first graders came over and bought lemonade," said second-grader Adison Studer. "We barely sold any popcorn because no one really wanted it. Lots of first graders were really thirsty and wanted the lemonade."

Next time, Studer said, the group would make more lemonade and less popcorn.

Makenah Ristau, a worker at the lemonade and popcorn stand said her favorite part of the day was selling her products.

"Our lemonade's almost all gone... whenever people come you love to get money. We got \$73 or \$77." With her share of the profits, Ristau thought she would get her nails painted and buy a ghost sucker and jewelry.



Post/Morelock

Second-grader Alex Conrad finishes up a manicure while her classmate Willie Mabry picks out a smiley face ring for their customer during Market Day at Ware Elementary School. The activity was the culmination of an economics unit for the second-graders.

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hesitate to protect myself or other Soldiers around me," Rose said. "Big Rex was truly a 'guardian of the night.'"

Military dogs are very important to the Army, Mathews said. "They've saved many lives down-range finding (improvised explosive devices) for us, clearing rooms, and so I'm honored on behalf of Fort Riley to say this is Rex's Bark Park."

On the morning of Nov. 22, 2005, while deployed to Iraq, Rose went out to feed Big Rex. "All he did was look up at me as if he was trying to say something," Rose said. "I looked back at him and put his feed pan down, and he didn't move to eat."

Big Rex got his name for being 105 pounds. He normally eats a lot, Rose said. When Rose asked Rex to get up, he did but with slowness that wasn't normal.

"This is when I knew there was something wrong with him," Rose said. "I took him to the vet in the International Zone where the decision was made to (medically

evacuate) us out to Germany."

Veterinarians discovered a bleeding mass on Rex's heart during an ultrasound. They made the decision to euthanize him.

"This was the worst thing that I have ever been told," Rose said. "Big Rex was my partner, my battle buddy, and most of all, my friend. These aren't only dogs to us — they are partners that are willing to fight until they have no breath in their lungs for us."

"The doctor asked me before he put Big Rex to sleep if I wanted to be there during the process," Rose said. "I looked up to him while holding Big Rex and said 'If I were dying, this dog wouldn't turn his back on me and leave me to die alone, so I'm not going to do that to him. I'll be here with him till the end.'"

Veterinarians told Rose that Rex had cancer on his heart and liver, which had probably been there for quite some time.

Big Rex never showed signs of weakness, Rose said. He just kept working until he couldn't work

any more. He was a great partner and he is missed tremendously.

Rex's Bark Park has been eagerly anticipated on post. The response when we announced that we were contemplating building it was incredible, Mathews said. Because of the many deployments that happen at Fort Riley the memories of times with family are more and more important, he added.

"This is a great venue for you to bring your family, sit down have a picnic, read a book watch the dogs just enjoy life because we all know your pet is really part of your family. I'm glad on behalf of Fort Riley and Public Works, who did all the work, to be able to give this to the Soldiers," Mathews said.

Another familiar wrinkly face showed up to honor fellow military canine Rex and celebrate the opening of the Bark Park.

Pfc. Gunner Chester, the 3rd Brigade "Bulldog" mascot, wanted to make sure he was a big part of the ceremony, said 3rd Bde.

Commander Col. Norb Jocz.

"As you can see out here," Jocz said motioning to the expanse of mud and grass, "he's having a great time with his buddies." Although with all of the mud caked between the pads of his furry feet, he might have to march back to the brigade's headquarters instead of riding in the van, Jocz joked.

"It's wonderful because it gives you the opportunity to let your dog roam freely while you can sit and enjoy yourself and your family. It's a lot of fun," Jocz said of the park. Although there were only about 10 dogs on hand for the opening, Jocz said he thought once the word gets out and "the dogs talk amongst themselves, they'll spread the good word."

Besides providing another venue for family fun on post, the park will also help dogs with socialization, Mathews said.

"It was incredible, the dogs were having a ball," Mathews said. "This is a win-win for everybody."



*Post/Morelock*

Chester, the 3rd Bde. mascot meets new friend Buzz at Rex's Bark Park opening March 30 on Main Post.

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## Community news briefly

### Outdoor Rec to hike prairie

Spend an afternoon enjoying the beautiful Konza Prairie by hiking and a taking a driving tour from 1 to 4:30pm, May 9, 2007. Transportation will be provided by the Outdoor Recreation Center.

The trip will include a 1-mile hike on the Konza Prairie followed by a guided driving tour of the bison herd.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$1 for children 17 years and younger.

Participants are asked to dress according to the weather. For additional information or to register, contact the Outdoor Recreation Center at 785-239-2363/6368.

### Outdoor Rec sets Earth Day fun

Celebrate Earth Day by geocaching at 9 a.m. April 21 on Fort Riley.

Geocaching is an outdoor recreation which uses a Global Positioning System to locate hidden caches.

This will be a great team challenge for families and small groups. Individuals are invited to attend.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Basic GPS skills are required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own GPS or they can rent one from the Outdoor Recreation Center for \$3.

For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

### EFMP to hold spring fling

Join Fort Riley's Exceptional Family Member Program for a day of fun and creativity in conjunction with the New Parent Support Program at EFMP's and NPS's Spring Fling from 10 a.m. to noon on April 28 at the Soldier and Family Support Center.

Several activities are scheduled to allow participants to work with their hands, practice mobility exercises and learn to work as a team. Individuals will

be able to help make May Day baskets and participate in kite flying.

For more information, call 239-9435.

### Thrift shop seeks help

The Thrift Shop is accepting applications for employment. Applications may be picked up at the Thrift Shop on Main Post. Starting in April the Thrift Shop will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with consignments being accepted from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, with consignments being accepted from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Saturday of each month, with consignments being accepted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spring Funds Disbursement applications are now available at the Thrift Shop, and don't forget Dollar Days every Thursday.

For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 784-3874.

### Post police organize run

The Fort Riley police are selling long and short sleeve t-shirts to benefit the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run. All proceeds will go to the Kansas Special Olympics. Shirts are blue with "Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run" printed in yellow lettering. Long-sleeve shirts are \$20 (M-XXL) and short-sleeve shirts are \$15 (M-XXL). To donate and receive a shirt, call the Fort Riley Civil Liaison office at 239-2226 or visit Building 221 on Main Post.

If you would like to participate in the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 29, call Staff Sgt. Ryan McCarthy at 239-2226 to fill out a runner's waiver. Fort Riley runners will pick up the torch at the Ogden Gate from members of the Riley County Police Department and transfer it to the Junction City police at Grant Gate.

## Art camp

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The CGMCG Soldiers, who were visiting the art camp for the first time, started off the morning by giving the kids a history lesson on their horses, period uniforms, and the cavalymen of the Civil War.

"Their minds are so open. They ask the best questions, and they just love it," said Sgt. Dustin Young, one of the CGMCG presenters.

After answering some colorful questions, the Soldiers took a step back to allow the students a good view of Victory. The children then sculpted with clay and drew pictures of the horse and two Soldiers.

Young said he was pleased with the artistic ability of the children. "I wasn't a good drawer when I was little, and it's probably better than I can still do, so I was pretty impressed with some of them," Young said.

Rebekah Purvis, one of the students taking part in the art camp, described her drawing. "It's brown, and it's really a little different from the horse because I really don't know how to draw horses." Even though Rebekah had some issues drawing Victory, she said she may have found a future career. "I learned that maybe I want to go to the Army and do that kind of stuff too," she said.

Rebekah wasn't the only student enticed by the opportunity to work with horses. Camper Mai Mizuno said, "I think they're really cool and I want to be like them when I grow up...they're really cool, and they know a lot about horses, and they get to do a lot of really cool stuff."

The CGMCG Soldiers weren't the only guest speakers at the art camp. Throughout the week, representatives from Sunset Zoo, Riley County Police Department, the library and a bakery spoke to the kids. Even with all the other speakers, the camp staff was thrilled to get the CGMCG Purvis said.

"We wanted ponies. Kids love horses, and we wanted the history aspect of it," Purvis said. "It was great and wonderful. Any time you can get kids to sit still for an hour, you know it's fabulous."



PAO/Nap

Second-grader Christa Osarczuk works on her horse sculpture at the "School's Out, Art's In" camp at the Manhattan Arts Center.



PAO/Nap

Sgt. Dustin Young of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard introduces Victory to students at the "School's Out, Art's In" camp at the Manhattan Arts Center. The students sketched pictures of Victory and CGMCG Soldiers and sculpted them in clay.

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# Expo draws crowd looking for off-post fun

By Pfc. Francisca Vega  
3rd Bde. PAO

Despite cloudy skies, the Great Escape Expo surpassed its attendance goal March 24 and 25 at the Riley's Conference Center.

About 1,100 Soldiers and civilians attended the expo on the first day to see the more than 40 booths and attractions. Even more attended Sunday, bringing the total number for the weekend to about 2,100 people.

Soldiers and community members had the opportunity to see Swedish dancing, birds of prey and poisonous snakes. Some also learned about boat, gun and recreational-vehicle maintenance.

Children at the expo played in an inflatable pen and went fishing in a catch-and-release tank. They also had an opportunity to meet Riley, Morale, Welfare and Recreation's mascot.

"The expo met my expectations," said Sgt. Ajita Curry, president of Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers. "It had plenty of ideas for recreation single Soldiers can take on the weekends. There were trips to places like Dodge City and Marshall County."

The BOSS members were scheduled to offer a dunking booth, but instead turned their efforts to help MWR and the Outdoor Recreation Center with the catch-and-release fishing tanks when the members found out they were low on help.

"I was looking for things to do with my daughter on the weekends," said Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Smith, a mobilized reservist. "There was a lot more at the expo



Pat Silovsky, director of Milford Natural Center, holds a red-tailed hawk at the Great Escapes Expo March 25 at Riley's Conference Center. The hawk was brought to the nature center after being hit by a car. Silovsky gave a presentation on birds of prey at the expo.

3rd Bde/Vega

than I thought there would be."

It's important to know what the surrounding areas have to offer since there is not a lot to do on post, Smith added, and there is a lot to pick from.

For people who are new to the Fort Riley area, it is worthwhile for them to know what there is to do because they may have to leave their families here while they deploy, said Melissa Ebert, service coordinator for the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Manhattan.

"I think you can have an experience with nature," said Katie Dickson, Outdoor Recreation manager. Outdoor recreation offers people an enjoyable way to get their heart rates up while also allowing them a breath of fresh air, she added.

The demos were a success with an average of 50 spectators, she added. The seats were filled.

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she has a hysterectomy with removal of the cervix.

### The vaccine

The primary vaccination series consists of three injections over six months. After the primary series, it is not yet known if future booster vaccinations might be needed. The primary components of the vaccine are made using a type of yeast. People who are severely allergic to yeast, including risen breads and beer, should talk about this with their healthcare provider before receiving the vaccine.

In studies, the only common side effects were pain and itching where the vaccine was injected, and possibly a slight fever.

It is too soon to know if the

vaccine is safe for pregnant women, though initial studies suggest that it is. The vaccine is safe for those who are nursing. Any woman who learns that she was pregnant when she received the HPV vaccine is encouraged to call (800) 986-8999 to provide valuable information for ongoing studies.

The HPV vaccination is available at Irwin Army Community Hospital with a prescription from a healthcare provider. Interested military families should discuss the possibility of vaccination at their next available appointment.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at [www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/hpv/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/hpv/default.htm) or call IACH Preventive Medicine Service at 239-7386.

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"Soldiers may pay \$1,000 or more in rent so it makes sense for someone to look toward buying than renting so they can at least start building some equity," Newman said.

Soldiers will be able to meet with a realtor for private consultations from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday beginning April 16 at Carr Hall, Building 45 at Fort Riley.

Soldiers who have questions about the Volunteer Realtor Program may call Jeani Skare at 239-5082.

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## Home wanted



### Blossom

This is Blossom. She is a one-year-old, domestic short-haired cat. She gets along well with kids and other animals, and like many others recently, Blossom came in as a stray and needs a new home. To adopt Blossom or another cat or dog, visit the stray facility.

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## Leisure time ideas

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**April 5** – Norbit, PG-13, 102 min.

**April 6** – Music And Lyrics, PG-13, 106 min.

**April 7** – The Number 23, R, 97 min.

**April 8** – The Astronaut Farmer, PG, 105 min.

**April 12** – Music and Lyrics, PG-13, 106 min.

For more information, call 239-9574.

### Junction City:

**What:** Patricia Lacy-Aiken Gospel Ensemble

**When:** 5 and 7:30 p.m. April 7

**Where:** Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center

**Tickets:** \$21 general seating or \$26 reserved seating  
**Phone:** (785) 213-3297

### Salina:

**What:** Gerry Neustrom Young Artist Challenge

**When:** April 1-22

**Where:** Salina Central Mall

**Phone:** (785) 452-9868  
**Web site:** www.salinaart-center.org

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**What:** The Painted Veil, PG-13, 125 minutes

**When:** 5 and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2, 5, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 5 and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday April 6-12

**Where:** 150 S. Santa Fe, Art Center Cinema

**Tickets:** \$6 to \$7  
**Phone:** (785) 452-9868  
**Web site:** www.salinaart-center.org

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## Project to bring music to community

### FHSU

HAYS, Kan. — The Cottonwood Project, four days of music that include four free music events at Fort Hays State University, will begin April 9.

The project concludes with the Cottonwood Project Concert at 8 p.m. April 12 in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Sheridan Hall.

"The Cottonwood Project is a great program," said Dr. Kristin Pisano, assistant professor of music. "We enjoy providing the community with the high level of chamber music that the Cottonwood Project offers."

The culminating musical event is the Cottonwood Project Concert, for which admission is charged, but four other musical interludes are free: the Master Class, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. April 9 in the Palmer Concert Hall of Malloy Hall on the FHSU campus; the Open Rehearsal, from 7 to 9 p.m. April 9 in Beach/Schmidt; the Cottonwood Sampler at 7 p.m. April 10 in the Gallery of the Hays Public Library 1205 Main; and the Master Class from 3:30 to 5 p.m. April 11, in Malloy Hall on the FHSU campus.

The Cottonwood Project Concert is a benefit to raise funds for the Department of Music at FHSU. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Patron tickets are \$20 and include admission to the concert, and the following reception as well as name recognition in the program. Contact the music department for additional information at (785) 628-4533. The deadline for patron tickets is April 6.

The Master Class features guest performers sharing their expertise with select students and the public. The Sampler includes

### More info

For more information or to inquire about purchasing tickets, contact the music department at (785) 628-4533, or Kristin Pisano by e-mail at [kpisano@fhsu.edu](mailto:kpisano@fhsu.edu).

excerpts from and discussions of the works that will be performed at the concert.

People who attend the concert will also have the opportunity to win prizes, including Encore Series tickets, tickets to FHSU Music Department concerts, a framed poster of this year's Cottonwood Project — signed by the performers — performing artists CDs and gift certificates to Hays area businesses.

The project features five musicians: Rose Armbrust, viola, a student in the Artist Diploma Program at the Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jun Iwasaki, concertmaster of the Canton, Ohio, Symphony Orchestra; Sarah Crocker, violin, acting assistant concertmaster of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Denver; Benjamin Morris-Cline, cellist and conductor and newly appointed chair of the Department of Music at FHSU; and Dr. Tali Morgulis, piano, assistant professor of music at FHSU and first-prize winner of the 2003 Stancic International Piano Competition in Zagreb, Croatia.

Armbrust was invited in January 2005 to perform with Itzhak Perlman at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She is an avid chamber musician who has performed in and around New York City. As a member of the Versailles Quintet, she received second prize in the Fischhoff Interna-

tional Chamber Music Competition and was a finalist in the Fort Collins Symphony and Juilliard School of Solo Competitions.

Iwasaki is active as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician. He won the Japanese American Association Music Competition in 2005 and debuted in Carnegie Hall. He had performed as a substitute musician with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra at home and on tour. Last July, Iwasaki appeared as a guest concertmaster with the National Arts Center Orchestra in Ottawa, Canada.

Crocker is a founding member of the Verklarte Quartet and a

grand prizewinner of the 2003 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. She has been awarded top prizes in the Cleveland Institute of Music Concerto Competition, the Syracuse Symphony Concerto Competition and the Doreen B. Herzog Young Artists Competition. She has appeared as a soloist with the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra, the Syracuse Symphony, the Onondaga Civic Symphony, Onondaga County, N.Y., and the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, Elmira and Corning, N.Y.

Morris-Cline is also an instructor of cello and bass at FHSU and is director of the University

Chamber Orchestra. He has served as visiting professor of cello at the University of Northern Colorado. Morris-Cline has performed throughout the country in a variety of venues, both in solo and chamber music performances, including a live broadcast of the Kodaly Duo for Violin and Cello on Public Radio in Rochester, N.Y.

Morgulis was also awarded the special prize for the best performance of a classical composition and the Award for Highest Artistic Achievements from the Zagreb Academy of Music.

## 'Food Dude' to visit CCCC

### Special to the Post

CONCORDIA, Kan. — Kevin Roberts, better known as the "Food Dude," will hold court from the Cloud County Community College Cook Theatre stage April 9 where he will create concoctions anyone can make at home. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Concordia campus.

A born entertainer, Roberts perfected the art of cooking and making it fun for television and extreme sporting events. As a "munchies master," he provides proof that it's not only cool to cook, but also a blast.

Roberts will prepare some of his favorite recipes from his cookbook, "Munchies." The book contains many of the delicious treats he has collected from family members including his Nana's crab-stuffed deviled eggs and cinnamon-baked grapefruit.

Throughout his cooking demonstrations, Roberts of San Diego, Calif., shares tidbits from

his days of cooking for "Malcolm in the Middle," "Grounded for Life," and the "Gravity Games." His interactive presentation will illustrate the importance of eating breakfast and keeping the immune system active while proceeding through life's many adventures.

For more information, call Sue Sutton at (800) 729-5101, extension 236 or visit [www.cloud.edu](http://www.cloud.edu).

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"Food Dude," Kevin Roberts will demonstrate meals anyone can make at home April 9 at Cloud County Community College.

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1 x 2"  
Black Only  
1x2Polishpottery

### CANDLEWOOD HEALTH MART PHARMAC

2 x 2"  
Black Only  
2x2Candlewood Health11/03 ttf

ASSOCIATED MARKETING/PR/ADVERT  
3 x 8.5"

3x8.5 FULL COLOR Intrust

### FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD-MANHATTA

2 x 4"  
Black Only  
2x1st Assem God 11/01 ttf

### MAYBERRY'S

2 x 3"  
Black Only  
2x3Bradford

